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OPAL CITY--"NEW OPAL"  
AS THE GUIDEBOOKS OF THE  
1940'S CALL IT-- BACK WHEN  
THE COBBLESTONES AND TILES  
OF OLD TOWN SEEMED ALL  
THE MORE ANCIENT COMPARED  
WITH THE "MODERNE."

THESE ROOFTOPS OVERLOOK RUE DE  
L'ARTES -- IRONICALLY AN AREA OF  
THE CITY KNOWN FOR ITS COMMERCE.

THIS IS WHERE FORTUNES ARE  
MADE AND LOST WITH A TELE-  
PHONE CALL OR A HANDSHAKE.

THERE IS, FOR THOSE WHO  
TAKE AN INTEREST IN SUCH  
MATTERS, ONE EATING ESTAB-  
LISHMENT, ITS FOUNDER A  
NATIVE OF OPAL FROM THE  
TIMES OF SCALPHUNTER--

--WHO, SEEING THE  
GROWTH OF OPAL  
AS SOMETHING  
GOOD, RELOCATED  
HIS BUSINESS  
FROM OLD TOWN.

THE CREPERIE, NOW RUN BY  
HIS GREAT-GRANDSON, KNOWS  
A HEALTHY LUNCHTIME TRADE.

BUT NOW IT'S GONE. ALONG  
WITH THE BUILDINGS AROUND IT.

ALONG WITH THE BUSINESSES AND  
FORTUNE MAKERS AND BREAKERS.

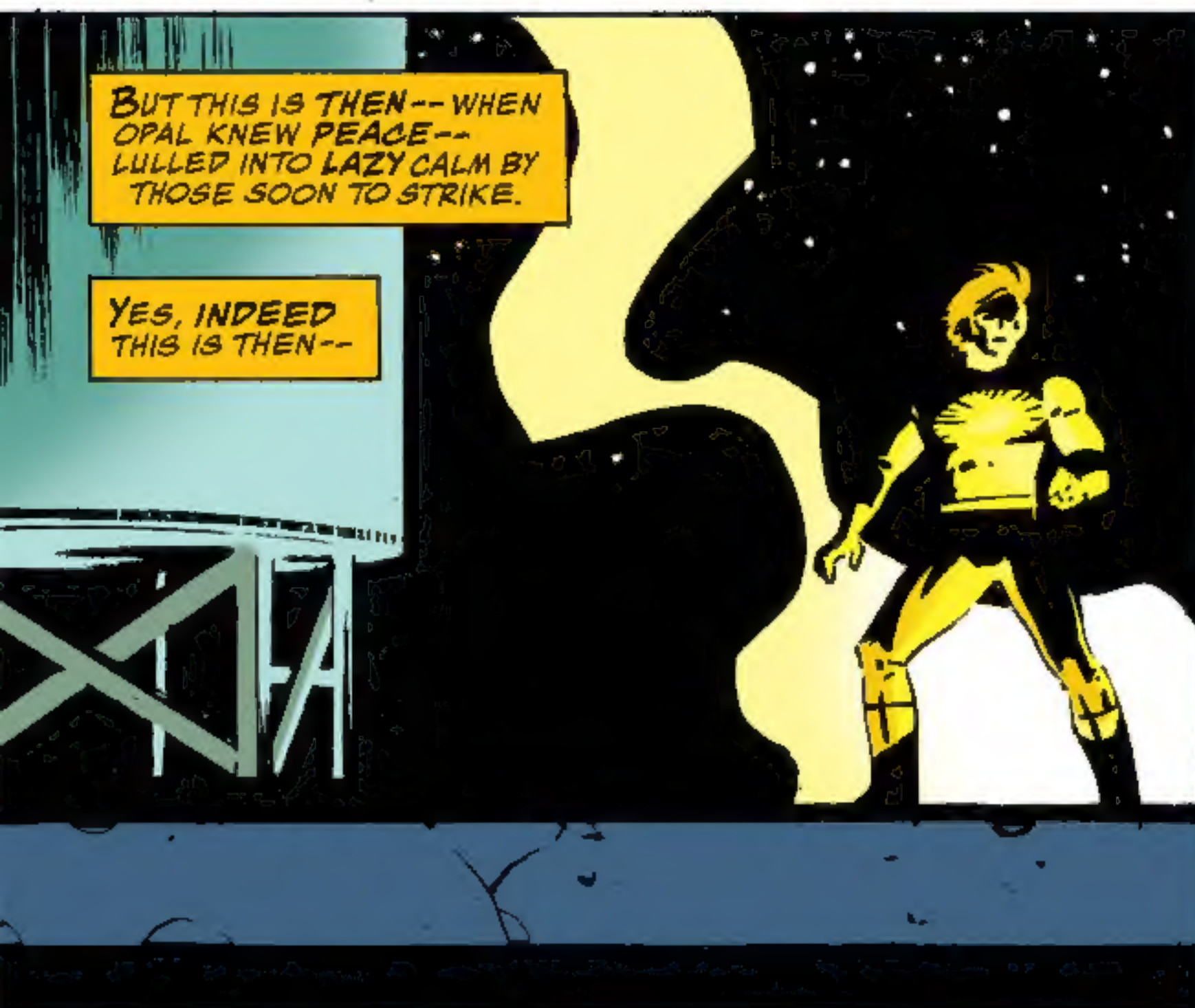
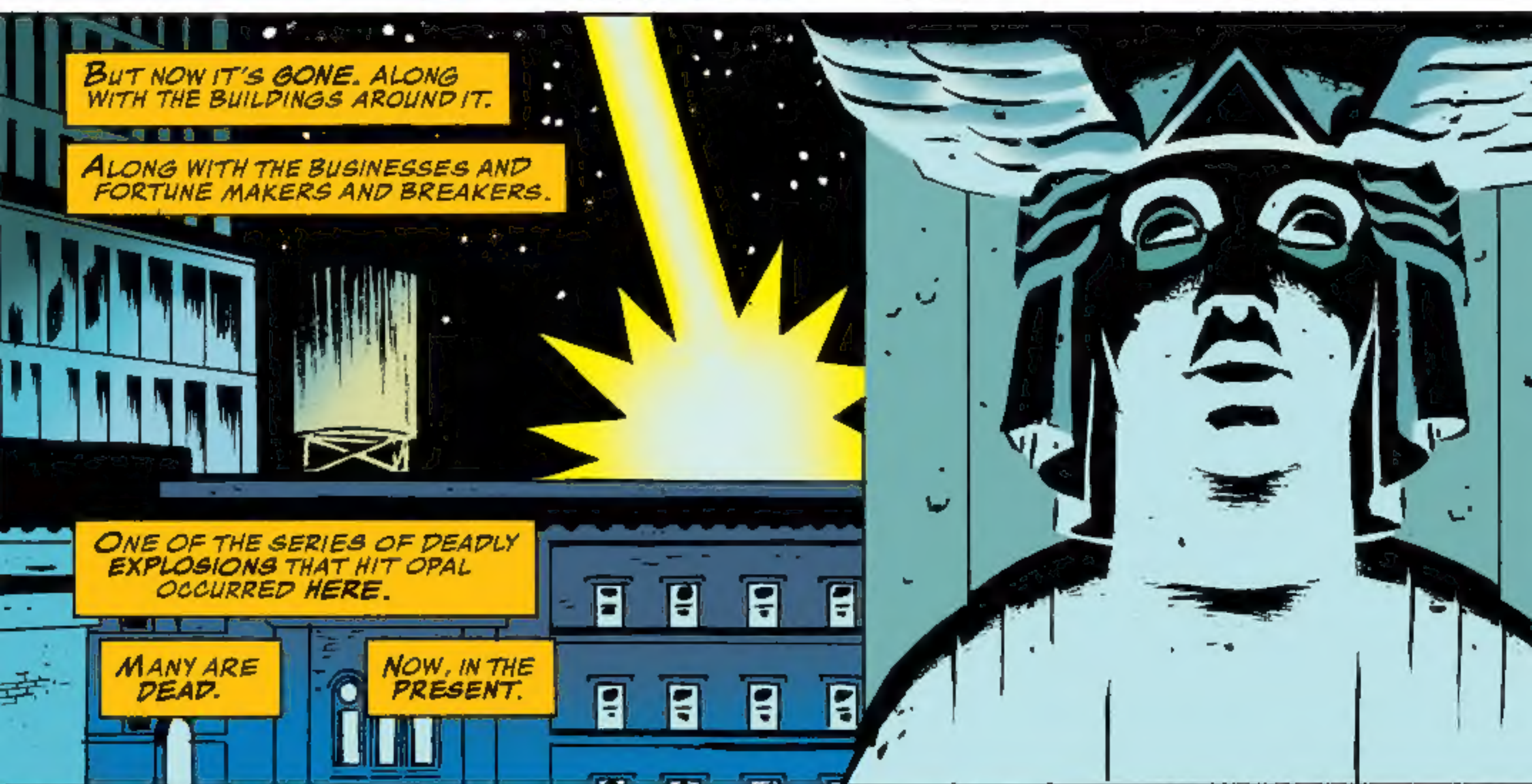
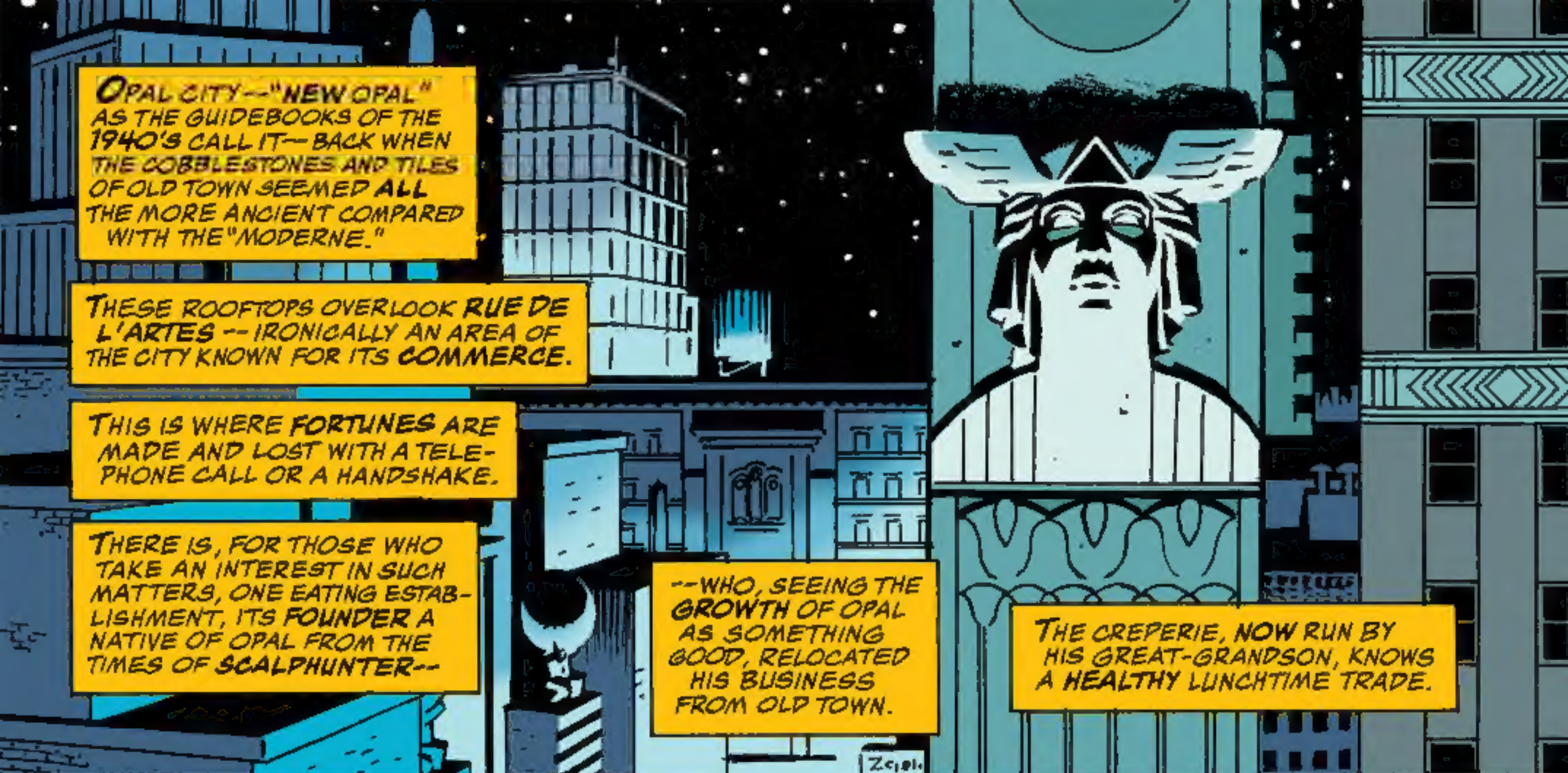
ONE OF THE SERIES OF DEADLY  
EXPLOSIONS THAT HIT OPAL  
OCCURRED HERE.

MANY ARE  
DEAD.

NOW, IN THE  
PRESENT.

BUT THIS IS THEN-- WHEN  
OPAL KNEW PEACE--  
LULLED INTO LAZY CALM BY  
THOSE SOON TO STRIKE.

YES, INDEED  
THIS IS THEN--





...AND  
WHAT  
WENT  
BEFORE.

MIKAAL HAS TRAVELED  
FAR-- ACROSS GALAXIES--  
TO RETURN HERE.

HE HAS CHANGED  
IN THAT TIME.

HE WAS A GENTLE  
MAN. KIND. A LITTLE  
SCARED OF THE  
WORLD IF TRUTH BE  
TOLD.

NOW HE IS A WARRIOR.

BUT A HAPPY ONE.

FOR HE IS  
HOME.

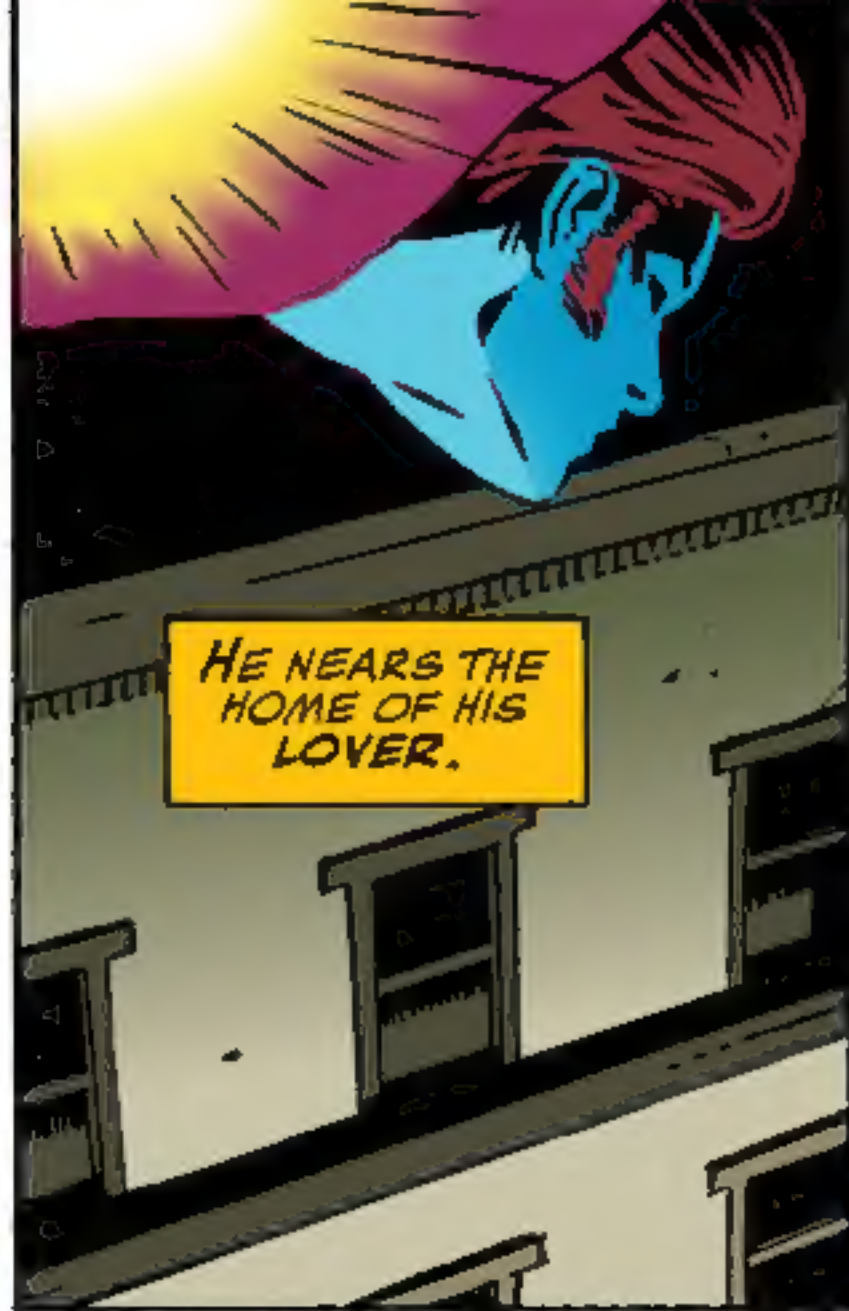
Jack  
Knight created  
by Robinson  
& Harris

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Guignol  
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Partie

# FIGHTING WITH TALKING WITH EVIL DAVID

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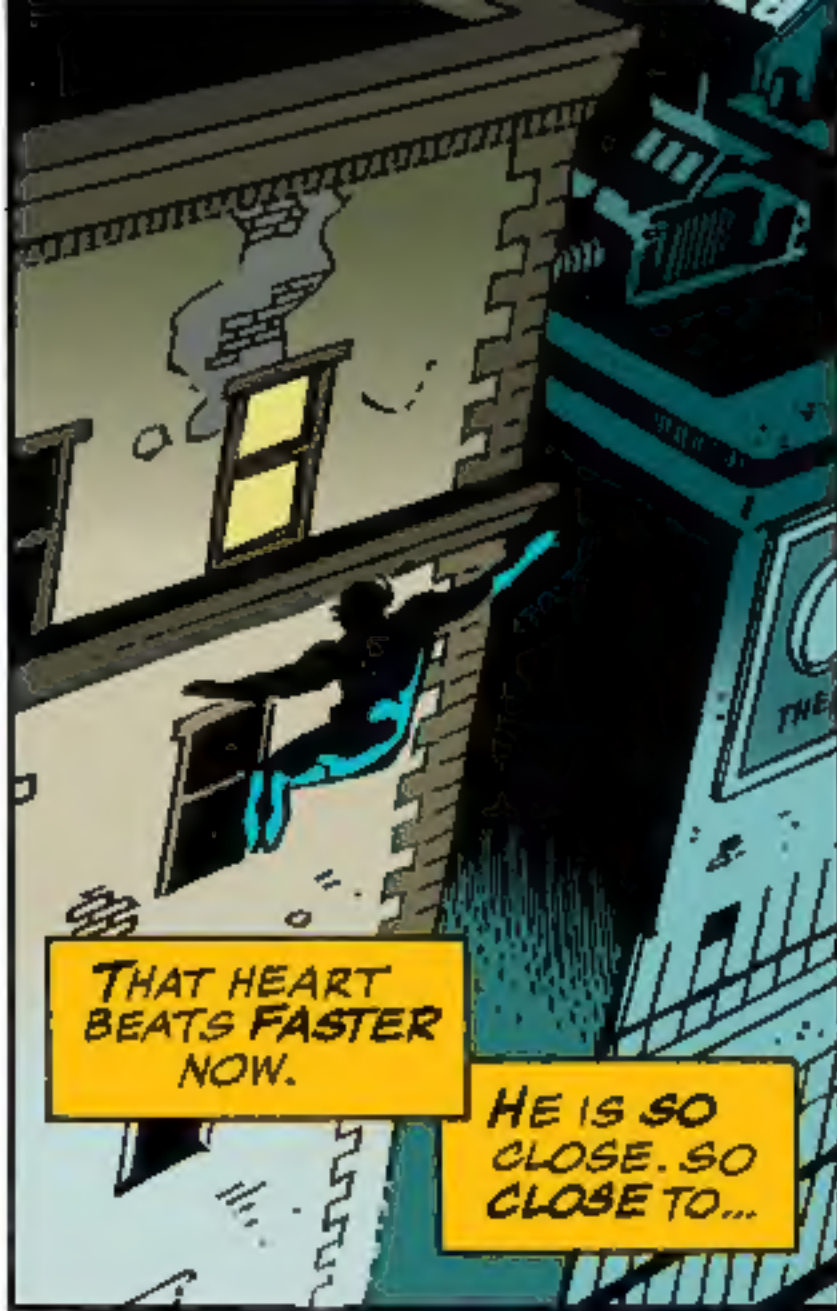




HE NEARS THE HOME OF HIS LOVER.



SOMEONE WHO, IN ALL THE TIME MIKAAL ROAMED AFAR, NEVER ONCE LEFT HIS HEAD OR HEART.



THAT HEART BEATS FASTER NOW.

HE IS SO CLOSE. SO CLOSE TO...



TONY.

MIK?



OH, MIK! MIK!!







MIK.

HEY,  
MIK.

SORRY TO  
WAKE YOU, BUDDY--  
SORRY TO CUT INTO  
YOUR Z'S...





...BUT IT'S TIME.

DAVID KNIGHT?!

THE ONE AND ONLY.

THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGA



I DIDN'T THINK I'D SEE YOU AGAIN... DIDN'T... AM I DREAMING?

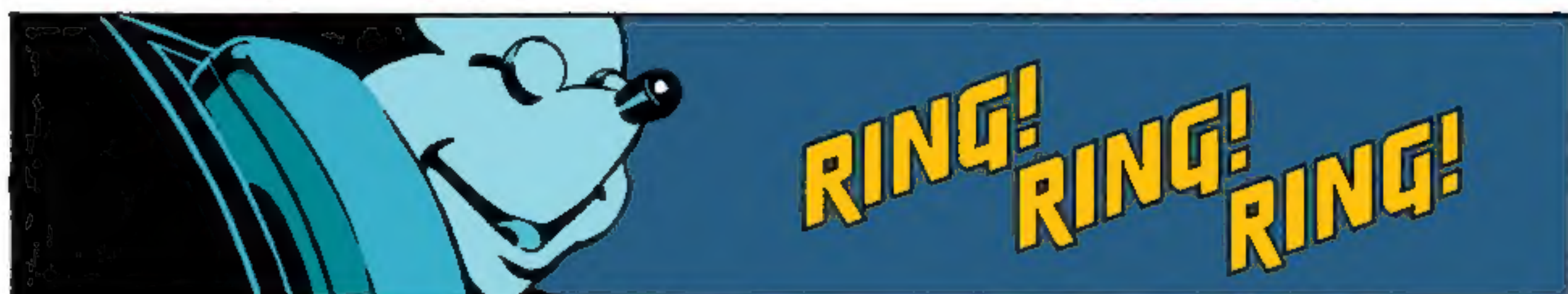
NO. YEAH. MAYBE.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?




LIKE I SAID, IT'S TIME YOU REMEMBERED.










WHAT DO YOU RECOLLECT OF YOUR TIME AT THE CIRCUS, MIK?

NOT MUCH.

I WAS DRUGGED FOR SO MUCH OF THAT TIME. I REMEMBER BEING CHAINED.



"BLISS... THE INCUBUS IN HUMAN FORM WHO FED UPON MY MISERY... I RECALL HOW HE LOOKED. THAT GROTESQUE MUSTACHE.

"CRUSHER, BLISS'S RIGHT-HAND MAN. I REMEMBER HIS CRUELITIES.

"AND I RECALL SOME OF THE FREAKS. THEIR SMALL KINDNESSES IN THE FACE OF AN OVERRIDING FEAR.

"I REMEMBER A LITTLE OF THE EVENTS WHEN JACK KNIGHT FREED ME.

"AND OCTAVIA. HER MOST OF ALL AMONG THE FREAKS...





"... I RECALL OCTAVIA."

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MICHAEL.

Haveruen Freak Show  
OCTAVIA  
OFFERED 1 JULY  
TIVOLISØEN AFTER



MIKAAL... MY NAME'S MIKAAL. I'M AN ALIEN. I MEAN... I GUESS IT WAS ALWAYS APPARENT, BUT NOW I KNOW FOR SURE.



YOU FORGOT US?

I DIDN'T. BUT THE MEMORY OF MY TIME WITH YOU WAS PAINFUL.

AND FOR THE LONGEST TIME I WASN'T MYSELF.



NOW I AM. COMPLETELY. I'M NEWLY RETURNED FROM OUTER SPACE.

OH, SO IT'S BY CHANCE I EVEN GOT YOU? WE DIDN'T KNOW.

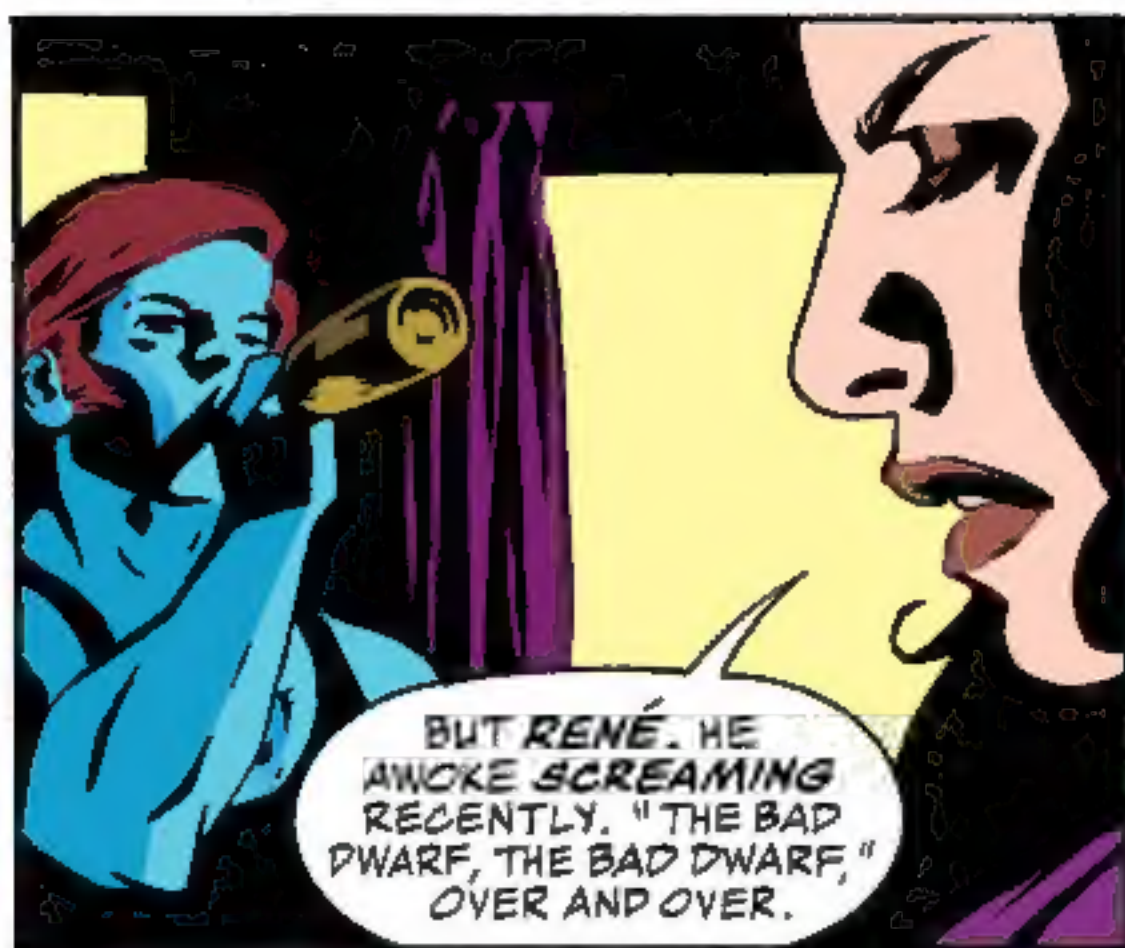


HOW ARE "WE"?

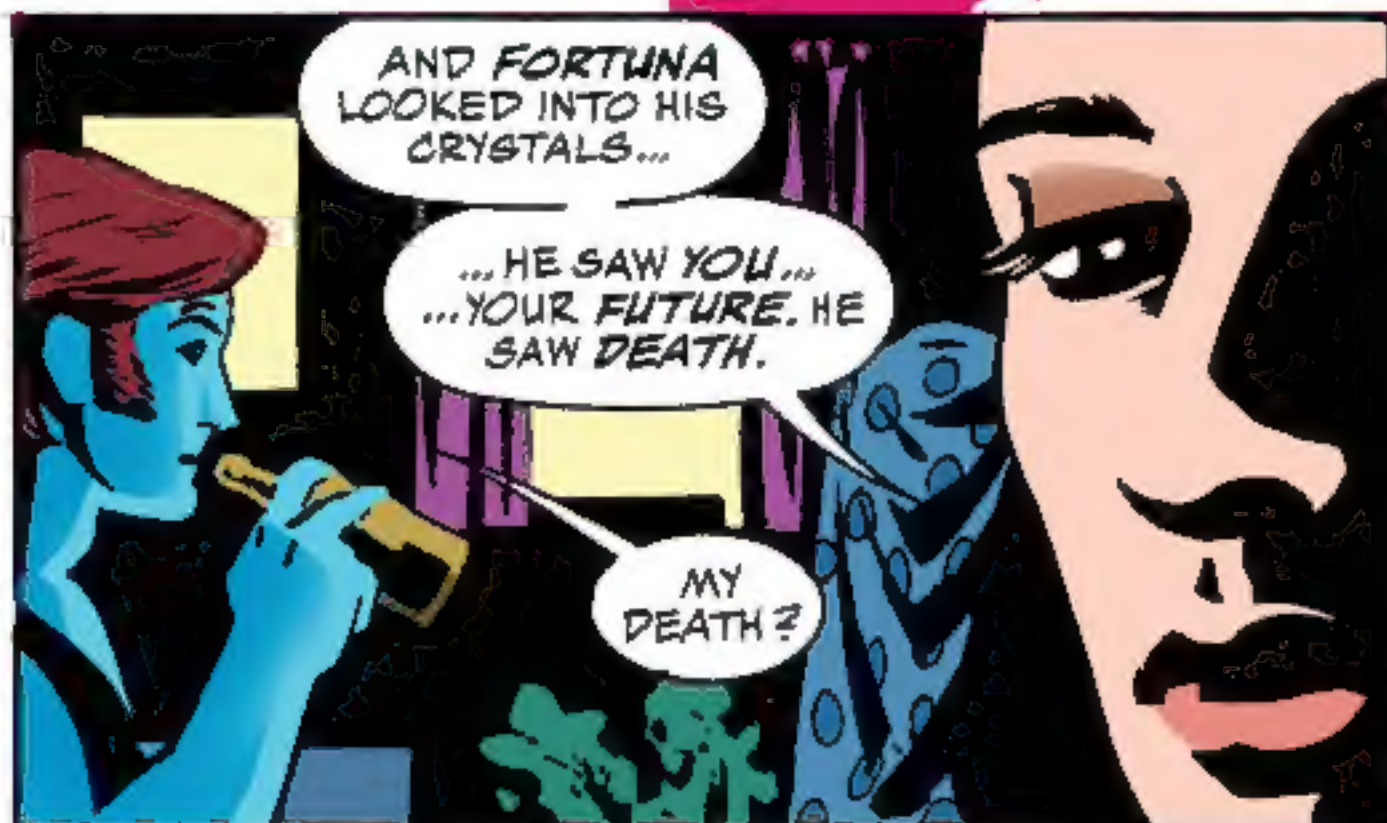
"WE" ARE TROUBLED. ALL OF US IN THE FREAK SHOW. BY... NOT EVENTS EXACTLY... BUT THE HINT OF SOMETHING.

LIKE HURRICANE WEATHER... JUST BEFORE... WHEN THE AIR IS SO STILL AND CALM.





"RENÉ IS CONVINCED THIS BAD DWARF IS CLOSE BY."



MY DEATH?



HE SAW BLACKNESS.



WE FOUND MR. FORTUNA THIS MORNING.





WHAT DO YOU  
REMEMBER OF  
YOUR TIME AS  
STARMAN?

BACK  
IN THE  
DAY?

"I WAS A SOLDIER IN THE  
TRADAVIAN ARMY BUT I  
WASN'T WAR. KE I  
DETESTED MY PEOPLE  
FOR THE R PLANNED IN-  
VASION OF EARTH

"I REBELLED

"I STOLE A DEVICE... A SONIC  
CRYSTAL THAT DISTILLED AND  
CONDENSED COSMIC ENERGY  
... IN ORDER TO COMBAT THE  
INVADING CHAMPIONS OF MY  
WORLD.

"THE CRYSTAL GAVE ME  
POWER TO DEFEND  
THIS PLANET. HOLD MY  
PEOPLE AT BAY "

"WHY DID YOU TURN  
AGAINST YOUR OWN  
FOR A PLANET YOU'D  
NEVER EVEN SET  
FOOT ON ?"

"I DON'T KNOW IT  
SEEMED THE RIGHT  
THNG TO DO. I DON'T  
KNOW "

"IT COST YOU  
YOUR LOVE."

"LYYGA, MY FIRST  
LOVE YES, SHE  
DIED."

"WAS T  
WORTH IT?

"I CAN'T SAY  
IS WAR EVER  
WORTH IT?

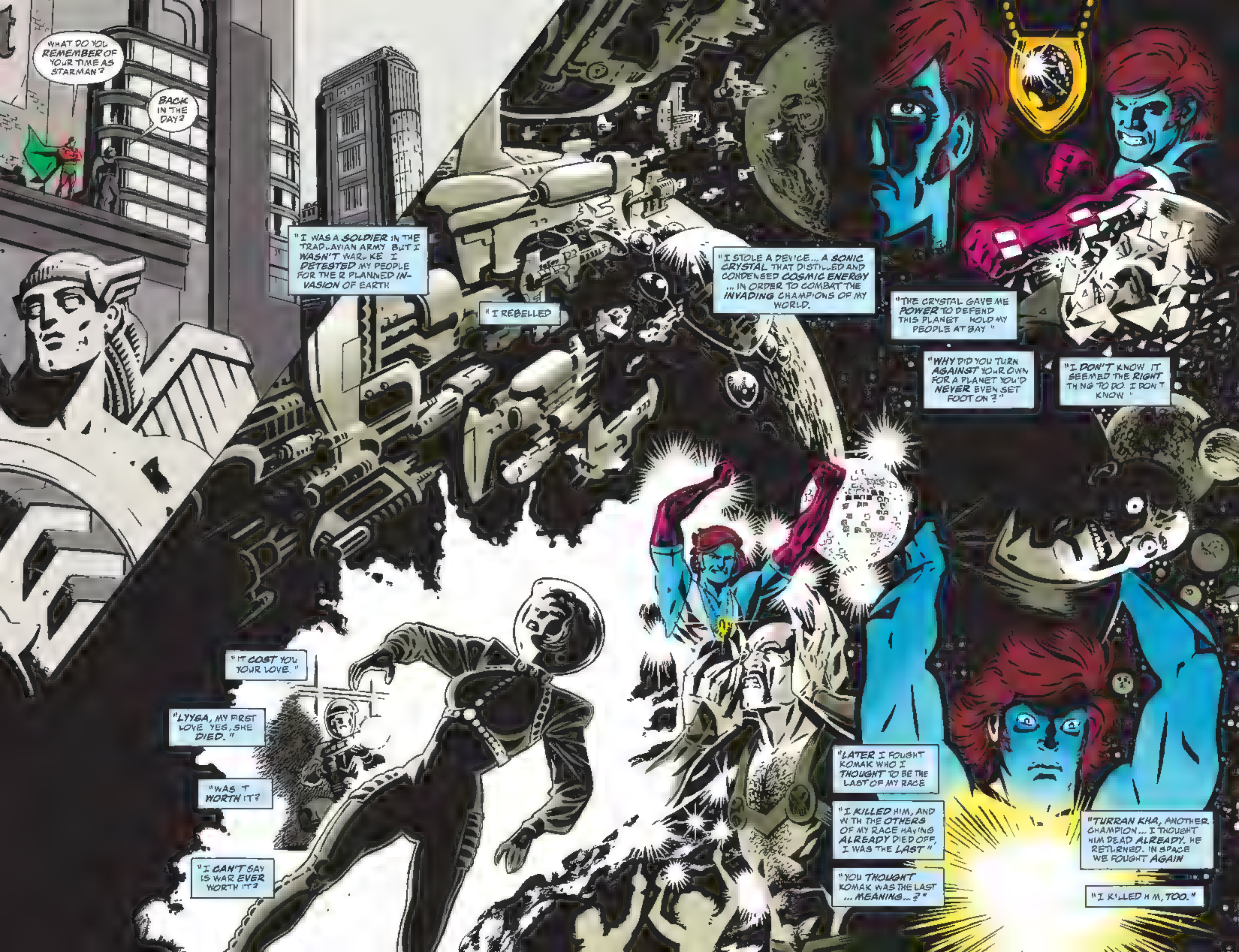
"LATER I FOUGHT  
KOMAK WHO I  
THOUGHT TO BE THE  
LAST OF MY RACE

"I KILLED HIM, AND  
W TH THE OTHERS  
OF MY RACE HAYING  
ALREADY DIED OFF,  
I WAS THE LAST "

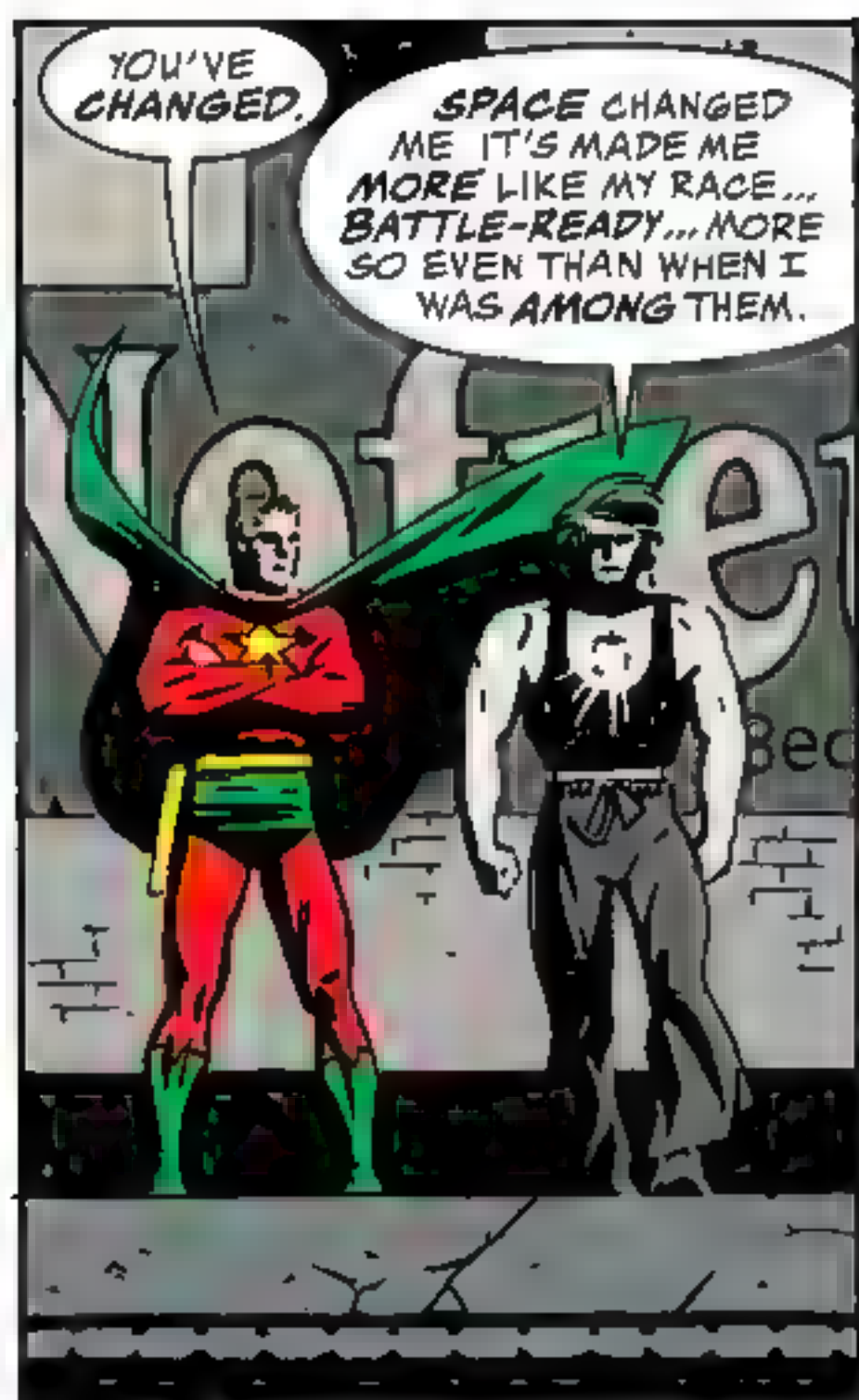
"YOU THOUGHT  
KOMAK WAS THE LAST  
... MEANING... ?"

"TURRAN KHA, ANOTHER  
CHAMPION... I THOUGHT  
HIM DEAD ALREADY. HE  
RETURNED. IN SPACE  
WE FOUGHT AGAIN

"I KILLED H M, TOO."













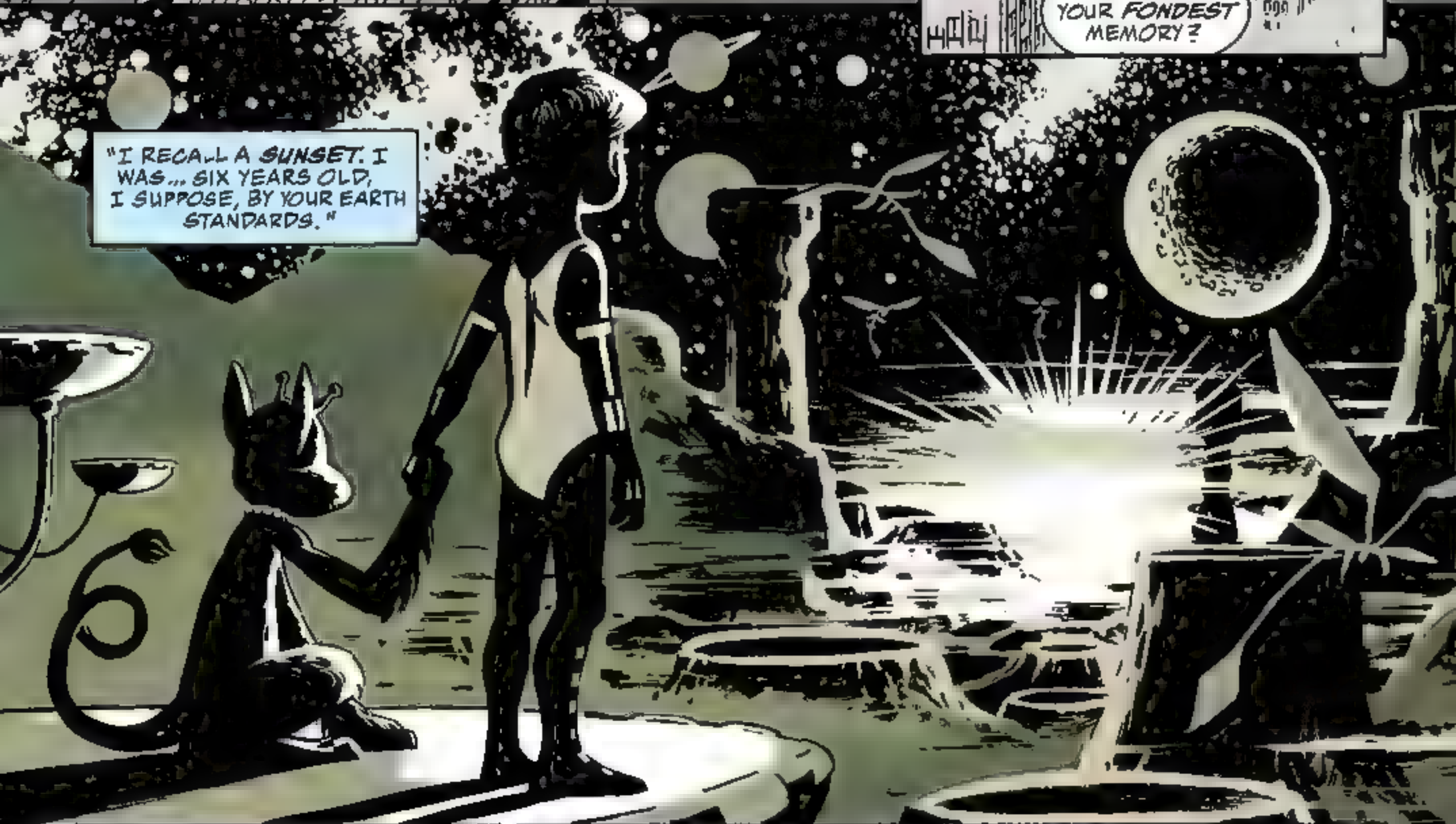


YOU CERTAINLY  
PLAY FOR KEEPS.

THEY HAD GUNS.  
I THINK THEY KILLED  
ONE OF THE GUARDS THEY  
SHOT. I GAVE NO MORE  
THAN THEY DESERVED.



SO WHAT'S  
YOUR FONDEST  
MEMORY?



"I RECALL A SUNSET. I  
WAS... SIX YEARS OLD,  
I SUPPOSE, BY YOUR EARTH  
STANDARDS."

NO, I MEAN WHAT'S YOUR  
HAPPIEST MEMORY OF YOUR  
TIME AS THE STARMAN OF  
EARTH?

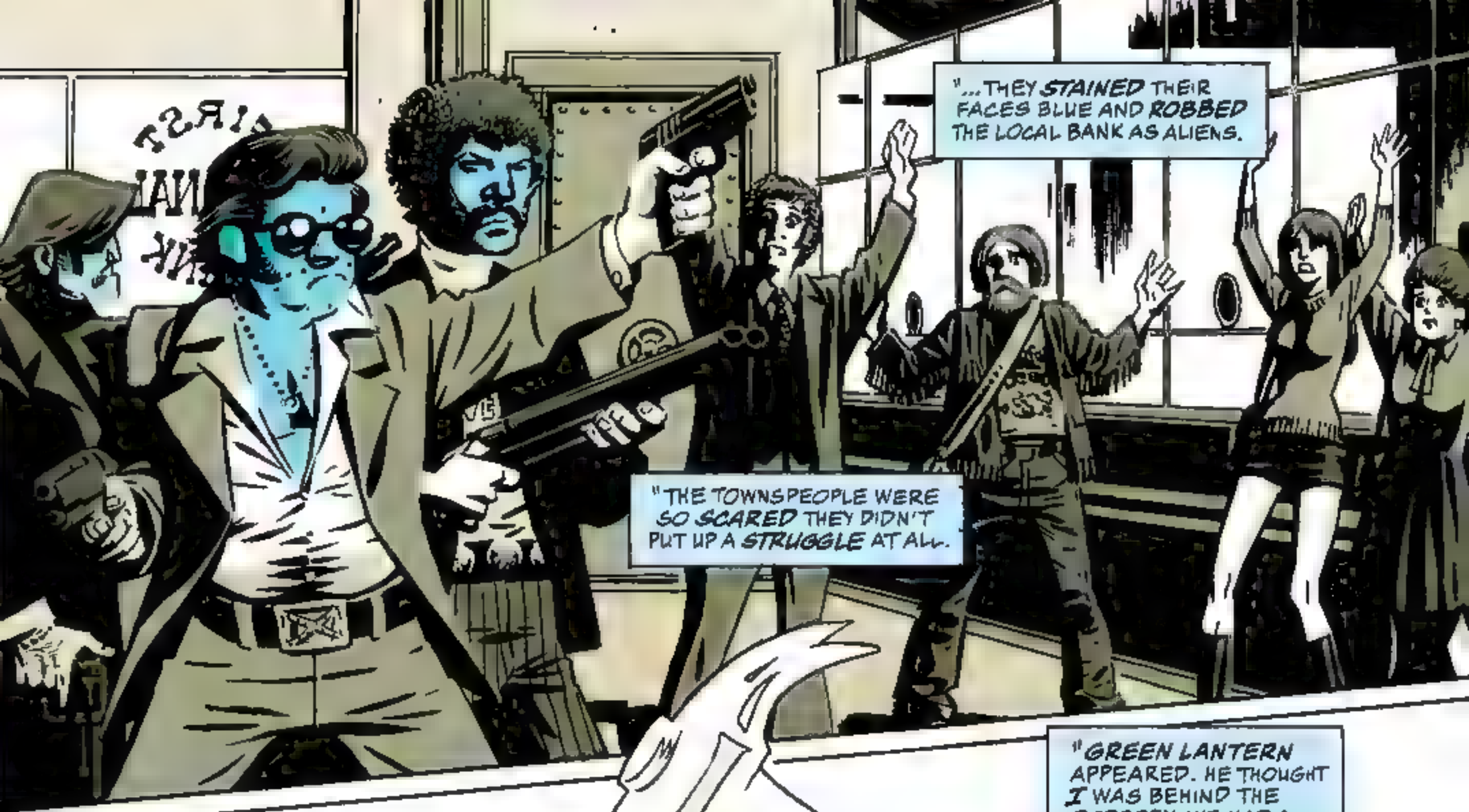
MEETING  
ALAN SCOTT...  
THE FIRST GREEN  
LANTERN.

HOW  
DID THAT  
HAPPEN?

I HAD BEEN ON  
THE ROAD.

I FIRST ARRIVED IN MANHATTAN,  
YOU SEE... BEFORE RELOCATING  
TO OPAL... IN MY TRAVELS HERE I  
STOPPED AT A SMALL TOWN WHERE  
A GANG OF LOCAL CROOKS...  
SEEING MY BLUE SKIN,  
HATCHED AN IDEA...





"...THEY STAINED THEIR  
FACES BLUE AND ROBBED  
THE LOCAL BANK AS ALIENS.

"THE TOWNSPEOPLE WERE  
SO SCARED THEY DIDN'T  
PUT UP A STRUGGLE AT ALL.

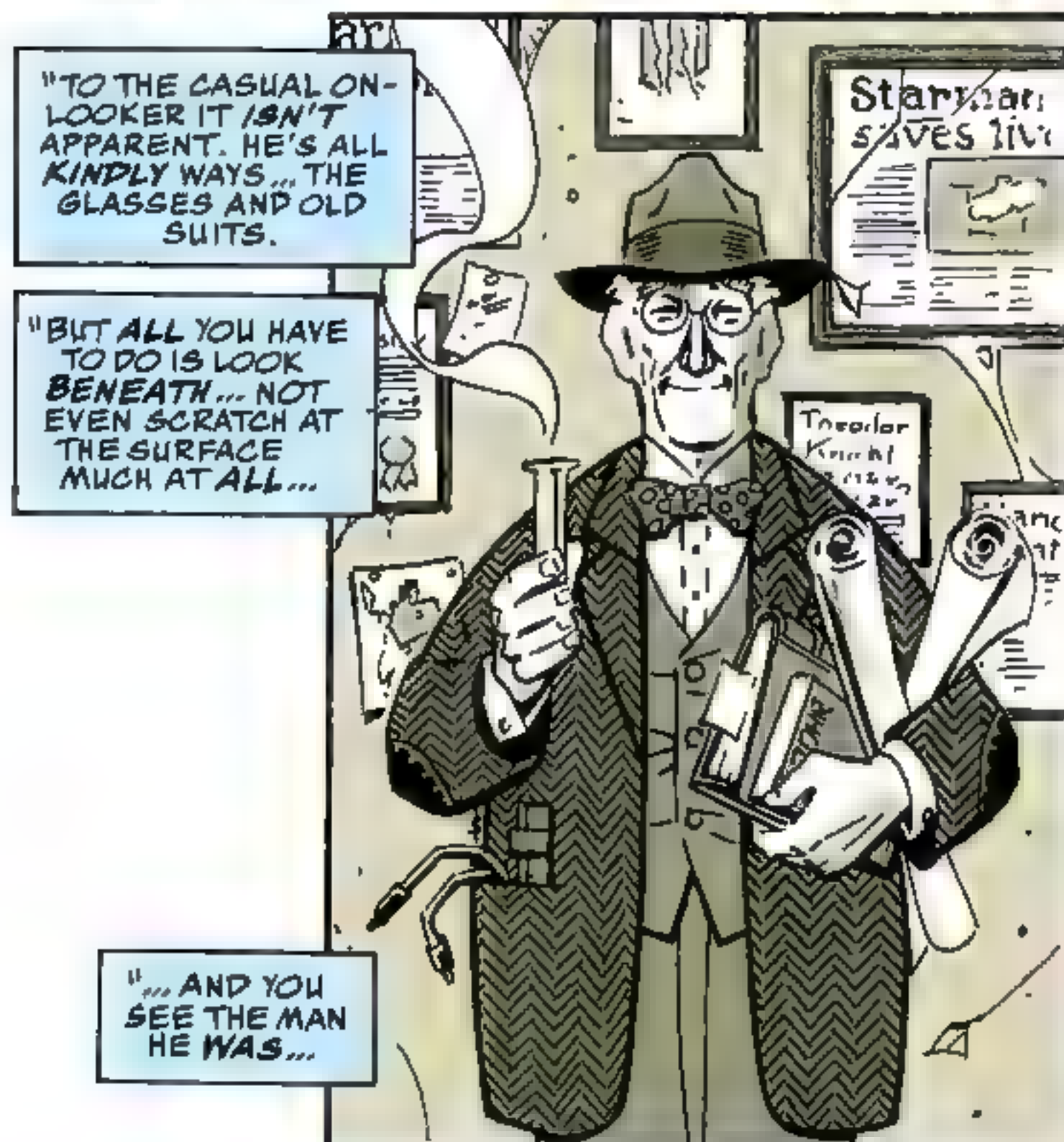
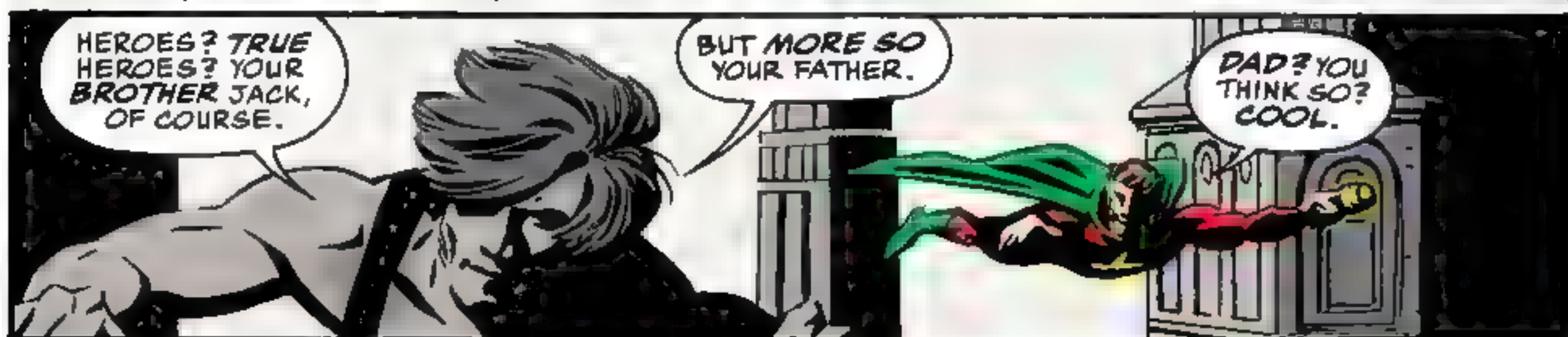
"GREEN LANTERN  
APPEARED. HE THOUGHT  
I WAS BEHIND THE  
ROBBERY. WE HAD A...



"...MISUNDERSTANDING.

"AND THEN WHEN THE  
TRUTH WAS OUT WE  
FOUND THE REAL  
CROOKS TOGETHER."









HERE WE ARE. MY FATHER'S HOME. PERHAPS HE'LL GIVE YOU ANSWERS.

HAVE YOU VISITED HIM? THE WAY YOU VISIT JACK AND ME?

NO, I FEAR...

... I WOULD BE TOO MUCH OF A DIS-APPOINTMENT.



IT'S THE BRAVEST OF MEN WHO ACT WHILE FEARING THAT ACTION.

PERHAPS ONE DAY.



TELL ME OF ANOTHER TIME IN YOUR LIFE...



WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING? IS THIS SOMEHOW LINKED TO THE TIME YOU SPOKE OF WHEN WE LAST MET? WHEN JACK WOULDN'T BE AROUND AND I WOULD HAVE TO BE A TRUE HERO?



I'LL ANSWER THAT QUESTION, IF YOU FIRST TELL ME OF YOUR EXPERIENCES IN THE YEARS BETWEEN WHEN YOU WERE ABDUCTED IN OPAL AND WHEN YOU WERE A PRISONER IN BLISS'S FREAK SHOW.

YOUR MISSING YEARS.

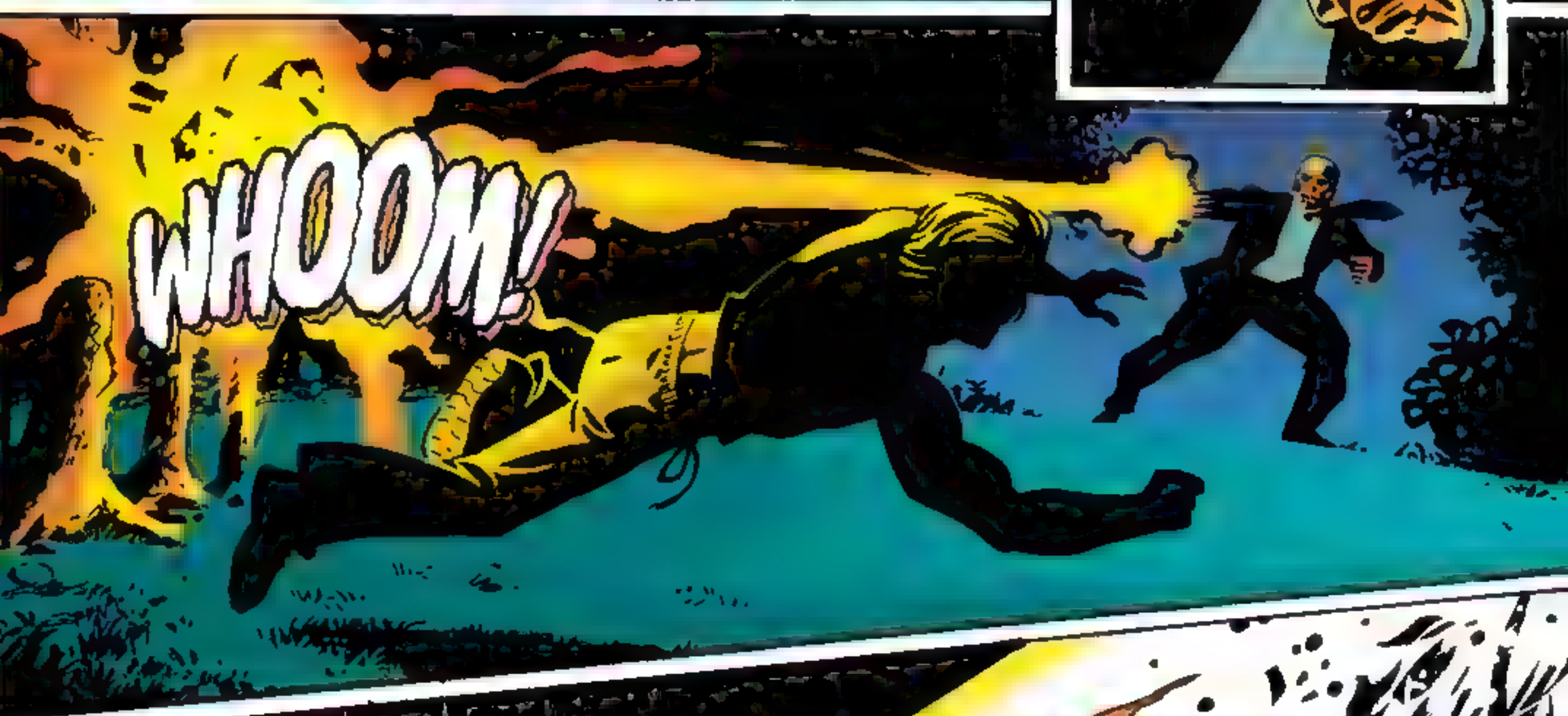


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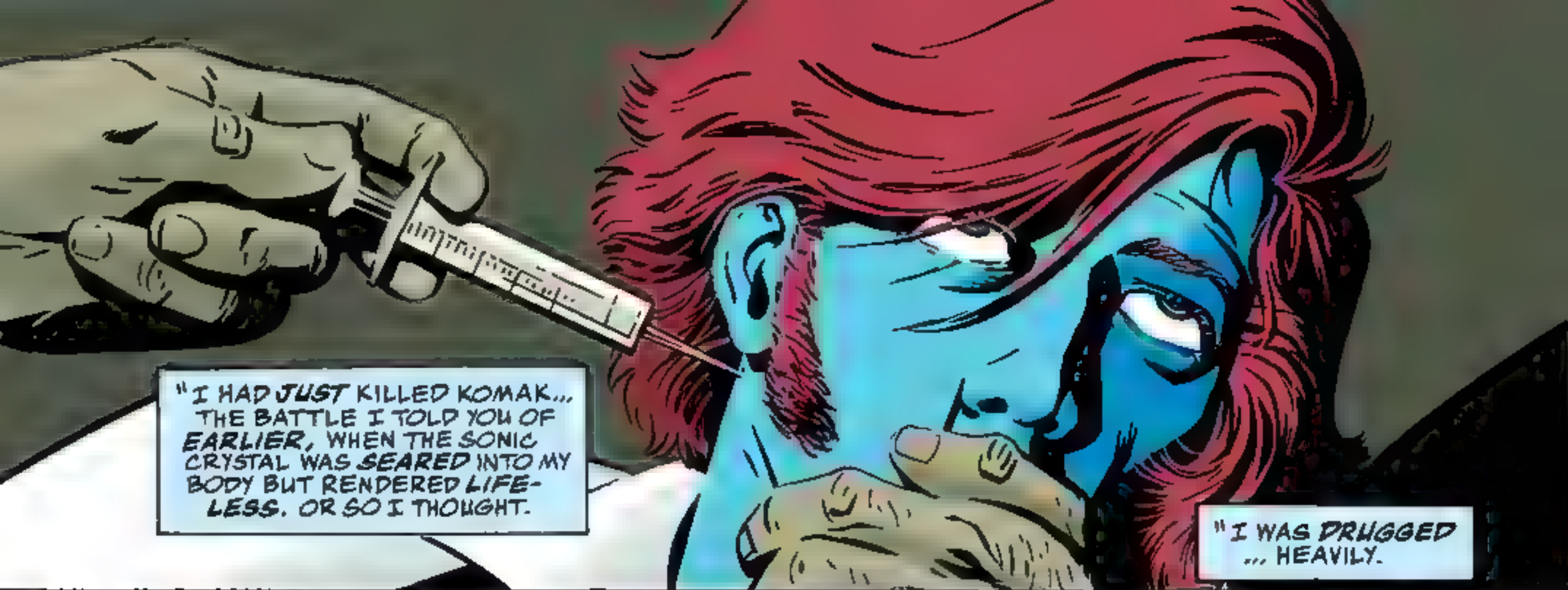
OVER THERE?

SOMETHING--









"I HAD JUST KILLED KOMAK... THE BATTLE I TOLD YOU OF EARLIER, WHEN THE SONIC CRYSTAL WAS SEARED INTO MY BODY BUT RENDERED LIFE-LESS. OR SO I THOUGHT.

"I WAS DRUGGED ... HEAVILY.

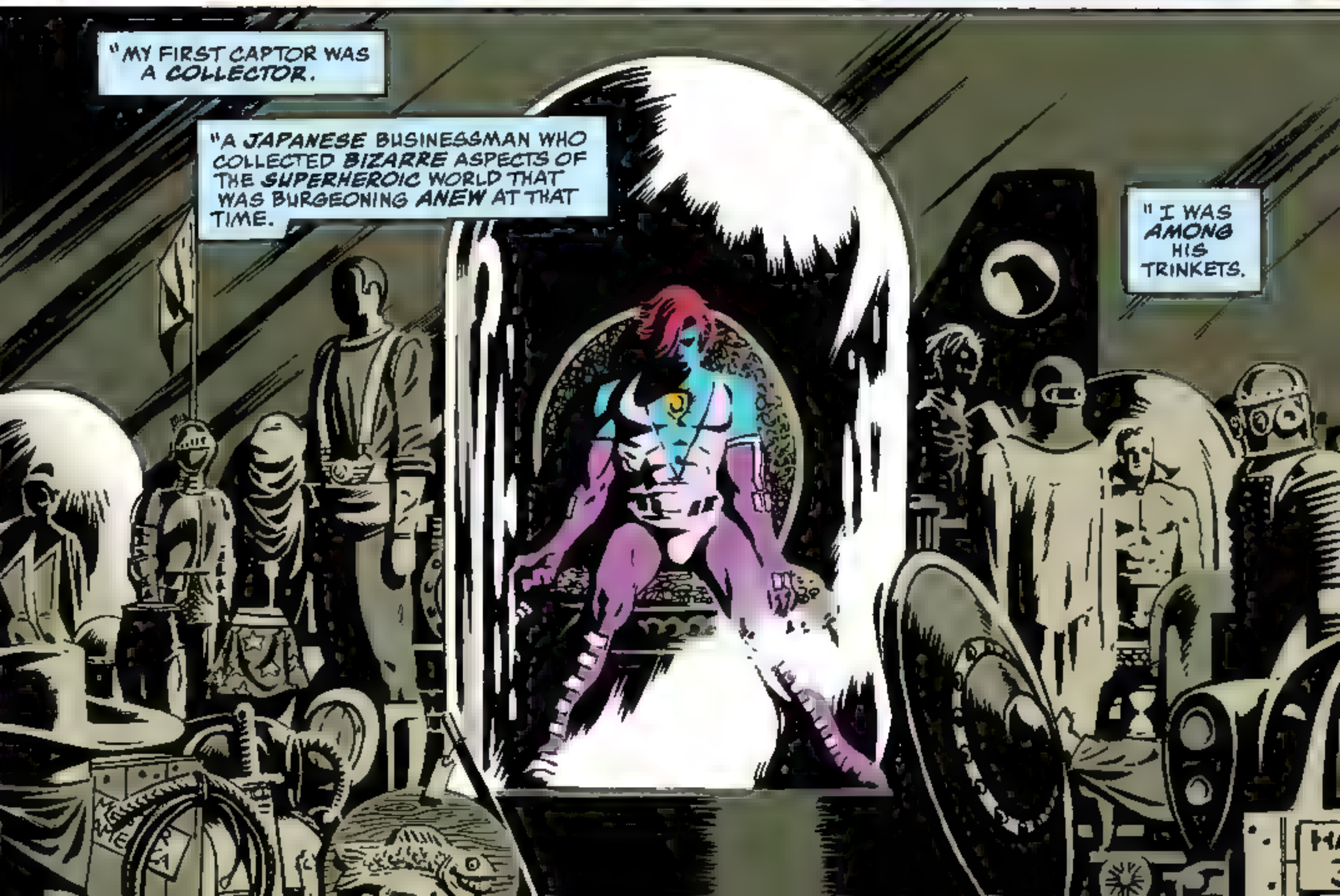


"AND THEN I BECAME A TOY."



"WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?"

"FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, I WAS A MARIONETTE. SWAPPED FROM PERSON TO PERSON.



"MY FIRST CAPTOR WAS A COLLECTOR.

"A JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN WHO COLLECTED BIZARRE ASPECTS OF THE SUPERHEROIC WORLD THAT WAS BURGEONING ANEW AT THAT TIME.

"I WAS AMONG HIS TRINKETS.

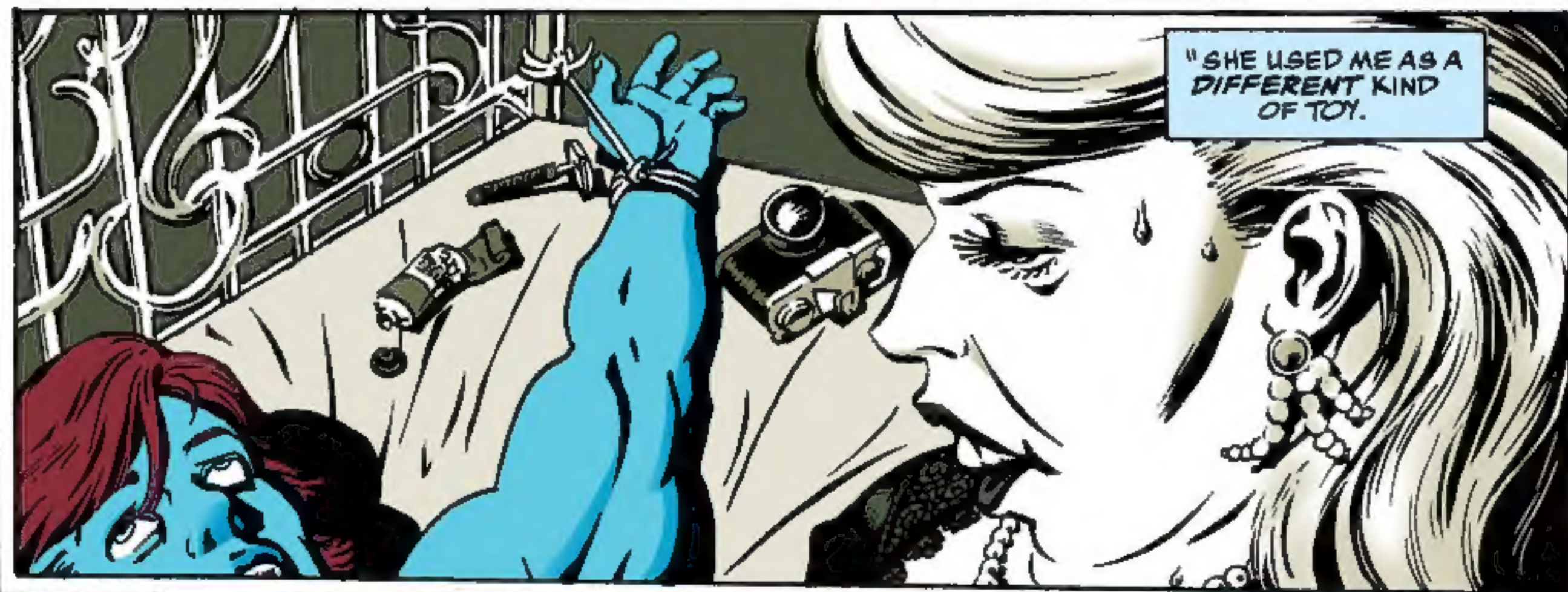




"LATER, HE GREW BORED AND  
TRADED ME FOR THE RED  
TORPEDO'S TORPEDO CRAFT."

"MY NEW OWNER WAS A  
WOMAN... HER MONEY  
OLD... HER FAMILY'S ..."

"I THINK SHE HAD A TITLE  
IN EUROPE... THE  
COUNTESS THIS OR THAT."



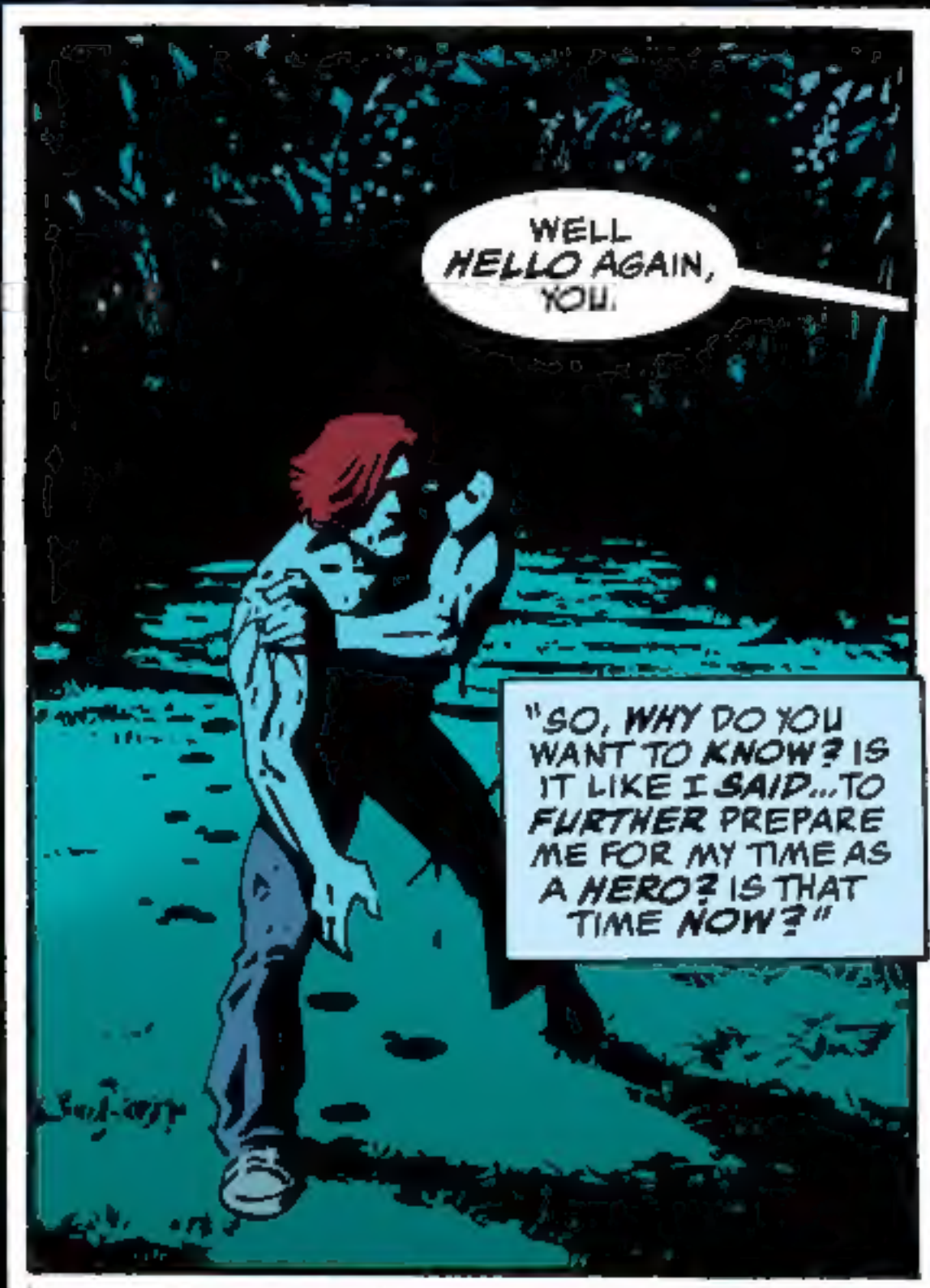
"SHE USED ME AS A  
DIFFERENT KIND  
OF TOY."







"AND THEN CAME BLISS.  
HE **KILLED** THE WOMAN  
AND TOOK ME."



WELL  
HELLO AGAIN,  
YOU.

"SO, WHY DO YOU  
WANT TO KNOW? IS  
IT LIKE I SAID...TO  
FURTHER PREPARE  
ME FOR MY TIME AS  
A HERO? IS THAT  
TIME NOW?"




LONG  
TIME, NO  
SEE.

"YOU WERE GETTING  
A LITTLE *HUBRIS*.  
CAN'T HAVE THAT.  
NO. NO. I'M HERE  
TO REMIND YOU  
THAT YOUR ACTIONS  
TO DATE HAVE  
BEEN **FLAWED** AT  
THE VERY LEAST.



"NO, MIK, SORRY TO TELL YOU, BUT YOU'RE  
NOT GOING TO FARE TOO WELL *THIS* TIME.  
IN FACT, IF JACK DOESN'T GET BACK TO  
EARTH *SOON* AND PULL A RABBIT OUT OF HIS  
HAT, YOU'RE IN FOR A WORLD OF GRIEF..."






"... MORE THAN YOU'RE ALREADY IN,  
IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT."



## Grand Guignol Quatrième Partie

Back in the present with  
the Shade's secret revealed  
and his diabolical link to  
the illusive Culp-as well  
as the Fate of Opal City in  
**DARKNESS NOT OF NIGHT**





# Deadman Wade

"THIS IS WHAT  
AWESOME  
LOOKS LIKE".

DCP